Jail to tribal communities in Bihar who are unable to refund the loans

3326. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 1000 tribal farmers, landless workers some workers belonging to tribal communities in Singhbhum District of Bihar are in Jails as they have failed to repay the loans taken from Government under various schemes;

(b) if so, the steps taken to help those tribals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Government of Bihar and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-payment of BID amount by bidders

3327. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases where Delhi Development Authority had tendered the physical possession of the auctioned plots and where there was delay in making the payment of the bid amount by the bidders;

(b) on what grounds these physical possessions of the plots had been given and what rate of interest is being charged;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in some of the cases the D.D.A. having demanded the balance amount of the bid amount and having issued the Five and more demand letters even to the inordinate delay of more than two years and after having accepted the full bid amount have not tendered the physical possession of the plots;

(d) if so, on what grounds the subsequent demand letters were issued to the bidders of the non- commercial plots; and

(e) what measures DDA is taking in such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Three.

(b) The auction bidders had represented to the Lt. Governor/Chairman, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) that the monetory situation was adverse in the money market and there was credit squeese by the Reserve Bank of India and in view of this had requested for softer terms for payment of the balance premium of 75%. The Lt. Governor constituted a Committee of officers of the Delhi Administration and the DDA for looking into the representation. Taking into consideration the recommendations of this Committee the DDA and the Lt. Governor, Delhi, it was decided that possession of the plots be delivered to the auction purchasers subject to the following conditions :—

(i) Payment within 90 days of such amount as would bring the total payment made equal to 50% of the bid amount.

(ii) The balance 50% of the bid amount and the interest for delayed payment to be paid in 5 equal and half-yearly instalments including interest at the rate of 18%—first half-yearly instalment payable within a period of 30 days from the date of notice or 120 days from the date of first notice for payment of 50% of the bid amount referred to in (i) above whichever was later.

(iii) Agreement on stamped paper for payment of the balance amount.

(iv) Bank guarantee for the balance amount.

(v) Licence deed allowing auction bidder to take up construction while the legal title will remain with the DDA until full payment along with interest was made by the bidder.

(vi) Withdrawal of proceedings, if any, in the court by or on behalf of the bidders.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise in view reply to part (c) above.

Viewership Surveys

3328. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of first five going sponsored T. V. serials having highest viewership according to latest viewership surveys conducted by Doordarshan as on the 31st July, 1989;

(b) what are the names of first five T.V. Serials after "Mahabharata" having earned maximum revenue for Doordarshan as on the 31st July, 1989; and

(c) whether T.V. serials having maximum viewership are given priority in selecting their next serials; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) The names of the first five on-going serials which have the highest viewership during June, 1989 are as under:—

1. Mahabharat
2. Uttar Ramayan
3. Mahanagar
4. Kathasagar
5. Muzrim Hazir Hai

The data for the month of July, 1989 is not available.

(b) The first five serials after Mahabharat which have earned minimum revenue for Doordarshan as on 31-7-89 are:

(1) Uttar Ramayan (2) Mujrim Hazir Hai (3) Mahanagar (4) Kathasagar and (5) Lok Lok Ki Baat.

(c) No, Sir. T.V. serials are approved on the basis of the merit of individual proposals.

Decisions taken at the seminar for strengthening local bodies

3329. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister inaugurated a four day seminar held in New Delhi for strengthening of local bodies;

(b) if so, what was the number of Municipal Officers who attended the seminar; and

(c) what were the main directives issued by the Prime Minister and what were the decisions arrived at and to what extent these decisions have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of Municipal Officers who attended the Seminar was 1674.